

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority from U.S. Patent No. 6,996,763, Application entitled "Operation of a Forward Link Acknowledgement Channel for the Reverse Link Data", to Sarkar et al., filed January 10, 2003, Application Serial No. 10/341,329.